

# **ATTACHMENT C**

## **Additional E-mails from the Public Regarding the Application**

Erin Walters - San Jose SaberCats Training Facility

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**From:** "Christopher Viray" <cviray@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <Council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/15/03 8:53 AM  
**Subject:** San Jose SaberCats Training Facility

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Sunnyvale and have become aware that there are some issues with the Sunnyvale practice facility for the San Jose SaberCats. As a longtime resident of Sunnyvale, I have never encountered any problem with the practice facility used by the SaberCats. In fact, I take pride in the fact they use Sunnyvale as their practice location and have taken my little cousins to their practices on numerous occasions. It has been commented that the practice tent is obtrusive, but it is only up for part of the year, so I cannot understand this. All in all, they have been great neighbors for as long as they have been at their current location. I hope that an agreement can be reached to assure that they remain in Sunnyvale, as it is a great opportunity for Sunnyvale residents to be a part of professional athletics. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Christopher Viray  
Phone: 408.568.9746

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<http://special.msn.com/home/warmhome.armx>

Erin Walters - Saber Cats

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**From:** "McDowell, Michelle" <MMcDowel@epri.com>  
**To:** <Council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/15/03 2:08 PM  
**Subject:** Saber Cats

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Hi my name is Michelle McDowell and I live at 3816 Dunford Way. I am writing because I recently heard that City of Sunnyvale has not approved the Saber Cats tent for practice.

My family feels that the Saber Cats bring so much to our community and our children and that having them in our neighbor hood is a great thing. I know that my son goes over and watches them practice and even is able to speak to some of them for encouragement. I feel we should be honored that they want to practice in our neighbor hood. I understand they keep up the grounds around them as well. The period that they want to use the tent is not a big deal, compared to the day care center and all the play ground equipment sitting on Dunford. At least the tent is set back. We never were asked for our thoughts of having bright play ground equipment, so I ask why do we challenge the Saber Cats who bring so much to our community.

So in closing I just want to say that my family approves of the tent on 1095 Dunford Way for the Saber Cats.

Thank you for your time an consideration to this matter

Michelle McDowell  
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Erin Walters - Saber Cats practice facility

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**From:** "Dan Serrano" <dan@serranoelectric.com>  
**To:** <council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/16/03 10:47 AM  
**Subject:** Saber Cats practice facility

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Dear Council Members,

As a neighbor of the Saber Cats practice facility, approximately two blocks away. I would like to express my opinion that I feel having the Saber Cats in our area is a privilege and is good for the local community. I travel past the practice facility almost every day and do not find the practice tent obtrusive at all. As a resident of the Silicon Valley for over forty years, I feel that we as a community should see this as a positive economic value. Please consider the importance of keeping the Saber Cats practice facility at their present location.

Thanks for your consideration,

Dan Serrano  
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**Erin Walters - Sabercats Facility in Sunnyvale**

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**From:** "Chris Hessler" <chessler@siverion.com>  
**To:** <council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/15/03 7:20 PM  
**Subject:** Sabercats Facility in Sunnyvale

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I am a long time Sunnyvale resident and I am surprised that the Sunnyvale Planning Commission would rule against the Sabercats Facility and them as a tenant. I live only 2 blocks away from the facility and drive past the site many times a day. The structure that was constructed over their practice field was not an eyesore and there have never been problems with them as tenants that I know of. In fact, given they are a professional team, they actually add value to the community, similar to what the 49ers have done in the cities they have made their practice home (on a smaller scale).

I believe that having the Sabercats in Sunnyvale is a benefit and that the Planning Commission should reverse their decision and allow the Sabercats to stay.

Regards,

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Erin Walters - Supporting Sabercat request

**From:** Ronald Modeste <ronaldmodeste@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <Council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, Terry Malley <Malley5@aol.com>  
**Date:** 12/16/03 8:43 AM  
**Subject:** Supporting Sabercat request

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Members of the Sunnyvale

12/16/2003

As the former assistant Athletic Director at St Lawrence schools, I can attest to the fact that the San Jose Sabercats have been most helpful and accomodating in allowing St. Lawrence the use of their facilities.

They have been generous and communicative. Their spirit of community cooperation is recognized and appreciated by the entire St. Lawrence community.

I would encourage the council to approve favorably the request of a practice tent.  
I have seen this practice tent in the past and found it most acceptable and certainly removed sufficiently from the residences as not be an "eyesore".

Thank You

Mary Smoker

Erin Walters - Supporting "Sabercat" tent

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**From:** Ronald Modeste <ronaldmodeste@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <Council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/16/03 8:27 AM  
**Subject:** Supporting "Sabercat" tent  
**CC:** Terry Malley <Malley5@aol.com>

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To: Sunnyvale City Council

From: Ron Modeste (former Principal St. Lawrence High School)

12/16/03

Dear Council Members,

Having been the Principal and Chancellor of St. Lawrence high school and Education Center (includes middle and elementary school) for 8 of the 9 years the Sabercats have been at the Dunford, Sunnyvale facility, I can categorically state they have been most accomodating and cooperative in allowing St. Lawrence the use of facilities and fields. The use of these facilites was crucial for the St. Lawrence athletic program.

The Sabercat administration also encouraged their players to become educationally interactive with the St. Lawrence schools which fostered a marevelous relationship with the schools.

In my direct contact with the administration of the Sabercat organization, I have found them to be most aware of the needs and concerns of the surrounding community with respect to the environment, safety and the decorum of their employees.

Succinctly, the Sabercats are considerate, aware and generally excellent neighbors and while a tent can be considered minimally obtrusive, the Sabercat value to the community is overwhelmingly positive and negates any limited inconvenience.

Consequently, I encourage the council to favorably approve the Sabercat request for placement of a practice tent.

Sincerely

Ronald Modeste  
Former Principal, St Lawrence high school

Erin Walters - Re: SABER CAT TENT?, ETC... (REVISED)

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**From:** <likroper@likroper.com>  
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**Date:** 12/12/03 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** Re: SABER CAT TENT?, ETC... (REVISED)

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hello again, i was talking to a grounds crew person at peterson today after jogging and he said that the GIANT saber tent is still a possibility...if so, i need to alert the neighborhood as soon as possible to show respect for the views of those affected, those who live near the tent...the neighbors do not want a tent, AND THIS WILL BE RESPECTED, will it not?...(please respond)...

oh, and by the way, the grounds crew dude said that "the old guy who coaches soccer", or something, literally stole all the garbage cans from both fields and put them over at patrick henry behind the buildings (?)...he had to gather them back up and chain them to the fences!!!!...what's up with that?!...

and the litter on the fields and on dunford has subsided for now as the field is now wet (and because i cleaned up every speck of trash on dunford, and took down all those stupid yellow ribbons last week) but when sports start picking up in the spring i am going to put up some neighborhood watch signs at the gates warning that the neighbors are watching and it is a large fine for littering (what is it \$500 or \$1000? it should be \$1500!)...i think the school district should put up their own official signs instead...

**ALSO, SINCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOT ZONED AS AN INDUSTRIAL STORAGE AREA**, those ugly storage containers STILL need to be moved over to the patrick henry side, NO EXCEPTIONS...these saber cat people are not going to just come into our neighborhood and uglify it with their damn graffiti-splattered storage containers (AND without ANY public hearings beforehand!!!)...i know i disappeared into cyberspace for awhile, giving you all time to take care of this storage container thing, but now i'm back to represent the people of the neighborhood once again, and i will not go away until this is taken care of...

sorry if i am being a pain in the ass, but i wouldn't have to be one if someone else wasn't being one, now would i???...

all for now....thanks!!!

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*BRINGING EVERYONE UP TO DATE:*

we live in a democracy here in america, and this profound 'democracy concept' entails taking into consideration the views of many to make decisions, rather than the near-dictatorial rule and/or representative form of democracy that we currently practice here in america...in other words, the people who live in this neighborhood matter, and so do their opinions on the tent...iraq is not the only place needing to practice democratic principles, america must begin deepening their democracy as well...

please respect this democracy concept...thank you...

(i'm sending this email out to many people to give it some much needed umph...thanks!!!)

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the proposed re-installation of the giant sabre cats tent is truly an important issue that needs to be addressed, but so do these other issues of great importance:

- 1) excessive traffic and speeding in the neighborhood - parking on dunford way for peterson field usage needs to be limited to about 4-5 parking spaces per field gate, and the bulk of field usage permit parking should be re-directed to the always empty peterson parking lot - el camino real to henderson to bryant - into parking lot - simple!... - the teams come to the field to exercise, don't they? well, wind sprints to the field from the parking lot for all athletes!?! what better way to start a workout? - after all, why have a huge peterson parking lot if it is empty most of the time? -
- 2) litter generated by patrick henry, peterson and raynor field users - all over dunford way and mainly at the peterson and patrick henry fields - what is it? a \$1000 fine for littering? grounds crew person keith is plenty pissed off and sick of cleaning up litter all the time! enough!!!
- 3) endangered ground squirrels and a burrowing owl - recently displaced from raynor park and now living in the peterson field (recently seen the under storage containers, either in the nature area or behind the bleachers - go to the nature area live cam! @ <http://peterson.ca.campusgrid.net/home/Nature+Area+Live+Cam>) - no more parking on the peterson field, please!!! the open dirt area between the peterson track and dunford used to be inhabited by ground squirrels and owls long ago - destruction of endangered species habitat is domestic terrorism, plain and simple, is it not?...a serious offense! -
- 4) sabre cats industrial storage containers on the peterson field located next to the football field, that were supposed to be placed on the 1095 dunford property near the proposed tent - our neighborhood is not an industrial storage yard, nor do we want it to look like one - can we please consolidate the storage containers near the sabre cats mini-field at 1095 dunford? - (oh, and the endangered owl was seen living under the containers so please be careful when moving them - thanks!) -
- 5) there is no number five at this point in time, but i'm sure someone will think of one...

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*sincerely, some guy who dropped out of peterson high school class of 1981 in about 1978 or 79...*

(ps - see attached photos - in this order: 1st photo - storage containers that endangered owl was seen living under by two witnesses \ 2nd photo - new ground squirrel homes behind bleachers ~ and a burrowing owl that i heard under the bleachers about a month ago after running at the track one morning ~ living under the asphalt makes a good home for ground squirrels - but there is no real food source, so they need to move out onto the open space where local hawks can get involved and re-create an old dormant ecosystem on the open ground, instead of having them move towards the campus buildings where grounds keeper keith said they had been going previously - i personally saw the ground squirrels all over peterson fields' open space when i was a kid \ 3rd photo - people shown parking all over where ground squirrels are moving towards, and where owl was seen living \ 4th photo - an empty peterson parking lot... - i am sending this email to others as well to give it some much needed ummph...please excuse any typos...thanks!)